# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# COMMUNICATIONS
# LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2170
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ADDITIONAL FUNDS TO BSNL
SHYAMA SINGH

**Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) have sought additional funds to cover the entire rural areas with telephone services by 2002;

(b) if so, the details of funds sought and funds made available to the BSNL by the government;

(c) whether the BSNL has been asked to generate funds at their own sources for the purpose; and

(d) if so, the strategy being adopted by the BSNL to generate funds and to cover the entire rural areas with telephone by 2002?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR )

(a) & (b): BSNL has sought support for meeting its rural telephony targets in 2001-02.The method of funding the same is under examination by the Government.

(c) & (d): Does not arise in view of (a) & (b) above.